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SUBJECT: JAPANESE PROPOSAL TO CONDUCT SKIPJACK SURVEY IN TTPI WATERS

1. JAPAN MARINE FISHERY RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT CENTER, QUASI-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION, PLS TO DISPATCH 200-TON SKIPJACK POLE-AND-LINE VESSEL WHICH WILL BE CHARTERED TO CONDUCT RESEARCH ON SKIPJACK DISTRIBUTION AND BAITFISH AVAILABILITY IN TTPI WATERS. VESSEL SCHEDULED TO OPERATE FOR FOUR-MONTH PERIOD BEGINNING JULY AND WILL MAKE TWO CALLS EACH AT SAIPAN (7/14 AND 10/27), TRUK (7/20 AND 9/8) AND PONAPE (9/11 AND 10/22) TO CONSULT AND EXCHANGE INFORMATION WITH OFFICE HIGH COMMISSIONER AND CONCERNED DISTRICT FISHERY AUTHORITIES PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT RESEARCH IN ADJACENT WATERS AND UPON CONCLUSION RESEARCH CRUISE IN SAID WATERS.

2. IN VIEW DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED SEVERAL YEARS AGO WHEN JAPAN PROPOSED CONDUCTING SIMILAR SURVEY IN TTPI AREA, FONOFF INFORMED REGFISHATT MARCH 5 OF CENTER'S PROPOSAL AND REQUESTED INFORMATION BE CONVEYED TO APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES. FONOFF EXPRESSED HOPE IN VIEW IMPROVED CLIMATE IN TTPI, THERE HOPEFULLY WILL NOT BE ANY PROBLEMS WITH PROPOSED STUDY AND REQUESTED BE UNCLASSIFIED

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KEPT ADVISED. FONOFF ALSO REQUESTED INFORMATION WHEN SEVEN

PORTS WILL BE OPEN TO ENTRY FOREIGN VESSELS.

3. IN CONNECTION WITH PROPOSED RESEARCH CRUISE, SHIGEO MIYAMOTO, CHIEF, TUNA FISHING SECTION, FISHERY AGENCY, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY, WILL VISIT TTPI TO MEET WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS TO EXPLAIN RESEARCH OBJECTIVES AND PLANS TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION, INVITE TTPI OBSERVER TO PARTICIPATE IN CRUISE, ETC. MIYAMOTO WILL ARRIVE SAIPAN MARCH 12 ON CONTINENTAL AIRLINES #645, PROCEED TO TRUK MARCH 14 ON CONTINENTAL #668 AND DEPART TRUK FOLLOWING DAY.

4. POST WOULD APPRECIATE BEING ADVISED ASAP ON POINTS RAISED BY FONOFF.

5. MIYAMOTO'S ITINERARY AND RESEARCH CRUISE PLANS MAILED TO WILSON. SHOESMITH

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